

Rules of the KTSA indoor and outdoor archery range

Health & Safety

- Health & Safety is paramount. Bows and arrows can be deadly weapons. Keep this in mind when handling them
- Children aged 15 and under need to be supervised by a parent/guardian, unless through prior agreement with an experienced KTSA member archer
- Parents/guardians are to monitor their children throughout the session, to ensure range rules are followed & to help prevent incidents/injuries
- When retrieving arrows, stand sideways onto the target and be aware of who is around you. Don't stand directly in front of the target while waiting for your turn
- If you don't have a quiver, carry your arrows back from the target with the points towards the ground
- Absolutely NO RUNNING on the range

Commands

- Listen for the range officer who calls when you are ready to shoot. This is done by one, single, loud blow on the whistle. In the absence of a whistle, you will be notified by the command "Pick up your bows, you're clear to shoot/fire"
- Listen for the range officer who calls when shooting is over. This is done by two, loud blows on the whistle. In the absence of a whistle, you will be notified by the command, "Bows on the racks, clear to get your arrows".
- Do not walk down the range with a bow
- Listen for multiple whistle blows. This means STOP what you are doing immediately. If you are about to shoot, let your bow down and DO NOT release your arrow.

Equipment

- Never draw a bow without an arrow. Never dry-fire a bow (let go of the string without an arrow being nocked)
- Always point your bow & arrow down range – never draw your bow above the target
- Absolutely no shooting of club targets with Broadheads. No using of club targets as back-stops to other targets while using Broadheads. Use targets that are specifically designed for Broadheads only
- If using club equipment, respect it and treat it as if it was your own. Chances are, someone spent some of their own time, building or repairing arrows and maintaining other equipment.

Shooting line

- When you arrive and sign-in, note the number in your row – 1 or 2. This denotes the order in which you approach the shooting line. Both 1's and 2's shoot their arrows, before everyone goes to collect.
- To avoid queues at the shooting line, the shooting of each end (each set of arrows) is limited to 3 arrows.
- Stand behind the shooting line, but no more than 1 foot behind the line.
- If you drop an arrow onto the floor over the shooting line, do not lean over to retrieve it - leave it, shoot another one and retrieve it when you hear 2 whistles, signifying that arrows can be collected.
- Be aware of what is going on around you when on the shooting line. Your share of the line may only be a few feet.
- Take care not to cross over into another archer's space.
- If you are the only one remaining on the shooting line, consider how many arrows you have left & if you want to pause to allow everyone else to collect.
- Do not shoot diagonally across the range towards a target. Always shoot at the target in front of you if there is space. If there is no space, then wait until there is.
- When finished, step back from the shooting line and put your bow on the rack

Range etiquette

- Sign IN –using the provided sign-in sheet- at the range upon arrival and OUT, when you leave
- Don't touch other people's equipment unless with permission
- Don't pull other people's arrows from the target unless asked to do so
- If you are consistently missing a target at a certain distance, please don't worry about being asked to move to a closer target. This will help with reducing damage to club equipment (if applicable), reduce time searching for arrows & allow more shooting time for everyone! Plus, it's more fun hitting the target, right?
- Be patient with those teaching beginners and beginners shooting on their own. We all started somewhere!